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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Attachments:

- (1) Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1449), Paper No. 32
- (2) Interview Summary, Paper No. 36
- (3) Examiner's Amendment, Paper No. 37

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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Lorna M. Douyon	1751	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James M. Olsen. (3)_____.

(2) Lorna M. Douyon. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 02 September 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,8-14,16,21-23,26 and 27.

Identification of prior art discussed: All.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: An authorization for an Examiner's Amendment was granted by Applicants' representative to amend claims 1, 8-10, 12-14, 16, 21-23, 26-27 and cancel claim 11. Details of the amendment is attached herewith.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on September 2, 2003, James M. Olsen requested an extension of time for an ADDITIONAL ONE MONTH and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2775 the required ADDITIONAL fee of \$300.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

2.1. In claim 1, line 3, the phrase --and optionally a coating-- has been added after "material" (first occurrence).

2.2. In claim 8:

a) lines 1-2, the phrase "the cellulose material present in the compact has a coating comprising" has been deleted;

b) line 2, after "thickener", the following phrase has been added:

--coating is present in the disintegrant--.

2.3. In claim 9:

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a) lines 1-2, the phrase "the cellulose material present in the compact has a coating comprising" has been deleted;

b) line 2, after "surfactant", the following phrase has been added:

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--coating is present in the disintegrant--.

2.4. In claim 10, line 2, "compact comprises the" has been deleted, and --coating is present-- has been added after "surfactant".

2.5. Claim 11 has been canceled.

2.6. In claim 12:

a) line 2, "ingredients" has been replaced with --laundry detergent composition--

b) lines 2-3, "finely divided cellulose material" has been replaced with
--disintegrant--

2.7. In claim 13, line 2, "comprises" has been replaced with --is--.

2.8. In claim 14, line 2, "comprises" has been replaced with --is--.

2.9. In claim 16:

a) line 2, "component" has been replaced with --composition--

b) line 3, the phrase --and optionally a coating-- has been added after "material".

2.10. In claim 21, line 2, "comprises" has been replaced with --is present in an amount of
from--.

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2.11. In claim 22:

a) lines 1-2, the phrase "the cellulose material has a coating comprising" has been
deleted;

b) line 2, after "surfactant", the following phrase has been added:

--coating is present in the disintegrant--.

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2.12. In claim 23, line 2, "comprises" has been replaced with --is present in an amount of
from--.

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2.13. In claim 26, line 2, "component" has been replaced with --composition--.

2.14. In claim 27, line 2, "component" has been replaced with --composition--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lorna M. Douyon whose telephone number is (703) 305 3773.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (703) 308 4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0661.

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September 2, 2003